GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3649
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USE OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS IN MSMES
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Will the Minister of MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that hazardous chemicals are being used in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to enforce the safety norms in these industries across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) &(b): Yes Madam, Government is aware of the use of hazardous chemicals in industrial activities for economic growth of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, registered as factories under Factories Act 1948.

(c): The Government of India has taken a number of steps to ensure safety and health of the workers through enactment of various statutes in the form of the factories Act 1948 and the Model Factories Rules framed thereunder for the manufacturing sector. For observing safety in industrial plants, Hazardous Chemical Rules 1989 are laid down for Manufacture, Storage and Import and under The Chemical Accidents (Emergency, Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules 1986, Ministry of Environment and Forest has prescribed various safety and environment standards for chemical plants.